

## **~WIC and Immunizations~** **Working Together for Healthier Kids**

For the past two years, the WIC and Immunization Programs have been partnering on a special WIC/Immunization Record Round-Up Project to help make a difference for Washington's children.

### **Project Goals:**

- Populate the Washington State's CHILD Profile Immunization Registry
- Increase the percentage of children 19 through 35 months complete for 4:3:1:3:3
- Promote the registry
- Increase awareness about immunizations
- Strengthen partnerships

### **2002 Project**

- Conducted at twelve agencies in 12 counties from September -December
- Local WIC agencies collected 11,051 immunization records
- 7,531 records enhanced information currently in the immunization registry
- 1,544 new children's records were added to the registry
- Pre-project county percentages ranged from 1.9% to 12%
- Post-project county percentages ranged from 5.9% to 25.1%

### **2003 Project**

- Being conducted at 21 agencies in 15 counties from May -December
- Project sites are reporting a great turnout on the number of records being collected.
- CHILD Profile reports are showing a continual increase in the statewide percentage of complete immunization records in the registry for children 19 through 35 months of age.
  - This is good news for all providers that are coordinating healthcare for Washington's children.
- Final data information will be available by the end of December

### **2004 Project**

- Grant funding has been requested. Projects will be selected in early 2004 pending the grant award.

Comments from project participant parents and staff have been very positive:

- "We loved it."
- "Another way to provide quality service"
- "WIC and Immunization Staff care about my child."
- "Helping to make a difference."

The WIC/Immunization Record Round-Up Project has received national attention as an excellent example of cross-program collaboration. Results of the 2002 project have been presented at WIC and Immunization conferences in Washington State, Chicago, Baltimore, and New York City.